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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas

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IMMERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNICATION

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325

Washington, DC 20554

Re:

Application for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations from Sprint Corporation to MCI WorldCom, Inc.

CC Docket No. 99-333

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Sprint Corporation and pursuant to the Staff's request, attached is a copy of Sprint's Bi-Lateral Peering Policy. Please do not hesitate to telephone me at (202) 429-4787 if you have any questions regarding this submission. Thank you.

An original and one copy of this letter is submitted herewith in accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Nones

Enclosure

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